

REMOVED BY HARRIS

As Athens Trustee On Account Of Scandal

Kaiser Is "Vindicated" By The Reform Governor

Being Put On Ohio State University Board

Having Grabbed Control Of The Tax Commission

"Decentralization" Appears To Have Gone Glimmering

Columbus, O., Feb. 27.—Some seven or eight years ago, honest, complacent, easy-going Andrew L. Harris, then governor, removed one John Kaiser as a trustee at the Athens state institution in a scandal whose stench smelt to high heaven. But Kaiser is a good Indian for Frank B. Willis and has been given a trusteeship at the Ohio State University over the protest of the students, the faculty, the alumni, the president of Marietta college, and divors and sundry Republican politicians who believe in at least a semblance of decency—of course not including Ada boosters who enjoy the discomfiture of state. Kaiser's home is at Marietta where he publishes a newspaper, and from thence came leads of remonstrances, not the least of which were from friends of former Congressman B. G. Daves, who said in certain terms that Kaiser had to be seen by prospective candidates, and that it cost dearly to see him, ah hem! Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Kaiser goes on the board.

Last week was revived the pretty little custom of the legislative graft in state bought carnations, pocket knives and other little trinkets. This week is revived another pretty custom of legislative junkets. The finance committee of the assembly, disregarding the testimony of those who knew, are going to see the state institutions themselves and by casting thereon their eagles' eyes ascertain the needs. So on a junket they go, and of course it does not cost the state one cent, because a certain legislative agent for a certain great railway corporation has proffered the use of his private car which use has been accepted. And be it known that one the guest list is none other than Frank Bartlett Willis, yet governor of Ohio. On occasion the legislative agent will deliver the goods, but poor unsophisticated, irresponsible, disclaiming Mr. Willis will not know how it is done.

It stirred up the animals when Representative John Kramer in discussion of the appropriation bill, referred to the falsity of statements about an alleged treasury deficit, and Representative Beehman on Thursday sent in a resolution asking the state auditor for an accounting. Then some one just for curiosity went nosing around the auditor's office the same day and the chief book-keeper informed him that Thursday evening there was in the state treasury the sum of \$10,929,436.25. Less than three millions of this belongs to special funds. From the rest the present appropriation could be paid and leave a nest egg balance of over one million.

Though there has been an apparent healing of the breach between the Hamilton county delegation and the administration, since the conference late in the week of Peter Durr and the governor, the waters political are still troubled. There has not been any close connection between the office of the governor and the secretary of state, State Chairman Edwin A. Jones is not in a very amiable frame of mind, and Edward Fullington is said to have put his foot in the slush to such depth that he has been told to go back to his column of figures and stay there. It seems that Fullington handed the governor somewhat of a lemon in getting him to send the name of J. H. McGiffert to the senate as a successor of Frank Munn on the state tax commission, and that he

failed to give Mr. Willis the savory political history of McGiffert, his connection with the old Gubbert-McKinnon crowd, mixed up in the state treasury scandals, and his reputation for getting in swelled expense accounts when he was an inspector in the auditor's department. So Willis has ceased conning his callers sufficiently long enough to have a talk with Fullington, who himself belonged to the old river-plate gang, and to tell him that he dealt his hand from the bottom of the deck. It seems someone has been telling Willis a few things, but "It's too late now," Mr. McGiffert is wised up to the game.

With McGiffert on the tax commission is James H. Boyle, reactionary Republican, native of England and single taxer, who didn't want the bloomin' job anyhow, but who took it so he could rust out that bloody Dutchman, Christ Pabst, doncher know. As the minority member it is said A. P. Peckinbaugh now on the job is entirely satisfactory to Mr. Willis.

Having grabbed the commission Mr. Willis is going to assume charge of the taxation machinery by means of the Beidler bill, which he has introduced. It don't decentralize, but it makes the county auditors nominal tax commissioners, with such clerks, deputies and the like as may be necessary and named with the approval of the governor, so that what centralization there is will not be nearly so hateful as it looked when the other fellow was on the job. And that campaign promise for "decentralization"—it can wait just as all the others are waiting.

The legislature has voted to increase the exemption intaxable property to \$200. This will cut a hole in the next duplicate to the tune of approximately \$100,000,000. So just to see that the farmer and landowner gets a square deal in the matter the administration is whispering about giving him a law too. The farmer's law will be designed to take away the one per cent. limitation. Good night! Shades of the Grange! Wonder if the next resolution to quit and go home will come from the city or the country?

Let us whisper something in your ear. Governor Willis is not leading legislation, but he is interfering with legislation more than any governor of Ohio ever did. Some of these days in these columns we will give you the story.

Senator Garver, author of an anti-flood protection bill, failed a committee meeting to report his bill, because he had a dinner engagement. What's danger to many thousands of lives to a dinner engagement with a chance to make a speech?

BENNETT

Elected Representative To Grand Encampment

Financial Secretary J. C. Hunt of Kokosing Encampment No. 38, I. O. O. F., received word Friday that Past Chief Patriarch Frank L. Bennett of this city had been elected representative to the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which meets in Columbus in July, from this district which is No. 43. The encampments at Mansfield, Fredericktown and Mt. Vernon are included in this district and the race for the position of representatives was very exciting.

INSPECTION

Of Clinton Commandery Occurs Friday Evening

The annual inspection of Clinton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templars, occurred Friday evening at the Masonic Temple. The commandery was opened in full form with Eminent Commander Clinton N. Williams and the corps of officers at their stations. The order of the Temple was conferred upon Mr. Donald H. Harper. The inspecting officer was V. E. Sir Kt. Robert T. Whitaker of Defiance. The work was exceptionally well given and the inspecting officer highly complimented the officers. There was a large turn out of sir knights at the conclave.

KENYON DEFEATED

The University of Cincinnati basketball team defeated the Kenyon five at Cincinnati Friday evening by a score of 25 to 21. Schafer scored 13 of Kenyon's points.

BANNER WANT ADS. PAY

NEW LICENSE BILL BEFORE SOLONS

Farmers and Lawyers Would Regulate Liquor Traffic.

HAKKE FOSTERS THE MEASURE

Bill introduced by Thatcher Empowers County Boards of Education to Gerrymander School Districts—Another Measure Would Boost Pay of County Commissioners—Squirrel Hunters Pension Bill Killed.

Columbus, Feb. 27.—Under a new decentralizing bill introduced in the house by Representative Hake of Trumbull, the liquor traffic would be regulated by farmers and lawyers.

Mr. Hake would have saloon licenses granted by county boards of five members whose names would be drawn from the jury wheel between Jan. 1 and Jan. 6. The state board of agriculture would appoint a state liquor traffic inspector at \$1,800 and ten deputies at \$1,200. But the state inspector would have no power to enforce compliance with temperance laws and ordinances by licensed saloons. His duty would be merely to run down speakeasies operated by unlicensed dealers and assess the saloon tax against them. Enforcement of saloon regulations would be left to the local police and the revoking officer, the prosecuting attorney.

County boards of education would be empowered by a bill fathered by Representative Thatcher to gerrymander school districts, eliminating special, small and weak districts, by adding part or all of a rural district to an adjoining district and, on petition of 50 per cent of the voters, could add part or all of a rural district to an adjoining village or city district. The county board could form a new district by combining several districts, provided the new district contained not less than eight square miles and that no existing district was reduced below fifteen square miles.

Payment by the state out of the tax on foreign insurance companies of pensions to municipal firemen and police is proposed in a bill fathered by Representative Whittemore of Summit.

A bill by Eppstein of Toledo authorizes one-tenth mill levy for pensions to firemen retired on pay.

To boost the pay of county commissioners, Representative Altie introduced a bill making the salary schedule \$1,200 when the enlarged county tax duplicate of 1914 is \$5,000,000, instead of \$900 on this amount of the duplicate of 1911, plus the present allowance of \$3 for each \$100,000 of duplicate in excess of \$5,000,000. The present maximum of \$4,000 is retained, so the bill does not increase the salaries of commissioners in the bigger counties.

As a substitute for the Hite over-craft bill, which has passed the house, Mr. Beidler of Hancock introduced a bill, sponsored by the state bankers' association, making overdrafting a felony only where intent to defraud is evident.

As part of the campaign to increase the use of Ohio coal, Chairman Whitacre of the house labor committee introduced a bill requiring state institutions to burn Ohio coal. It is alleged that Ohio university and Athens state hospital, located almost within a stone's throw of coal mines, use West Virginia coal. Representative King of Hocking introduced a duplicate of the Vorhies senate bill fixing maximum intrastate freight rates on coal for the purpose of reducing the big differential in favor of West Virginia coal. By indefinite postponement, the house killed the bill to pension the "squirrel hunters," who saw brief service at the time of Morgan's raid, and the Jones bill for improvement of private rights of way.

Decision by the administration to have tax assessments made this year by assessors to be appointed in each county by the county auditor, was disclosed by the report to the house from the taxation committee of the Beidler bill. This action meant the rejection of the plan to permit this year's tax duplicates to be made up by the Cox assessors and also of the plan to put provision for all the new taxing machinery into one bill.

SERVANT TELLS HER STORY

Thought Her Employer Was Doing Her Harm and Killed Him

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—Carrie Davies, the eighteen-year-old English servant girl who shot and killed her wealthy employer, Charles A. Massey, on Feb. 3, during Mrs. Massey's absence in Connecticut, told her story in the witness box. "When I saw Mr. Massey coming down the road that night I lost control of myself," she said. "Everything became misty before me. I thought only, 'he is doing me harm,' and knew I would have to defend myself in some way or other. I could only think of the revolver hanging in the boy's room." As she fired the first shot she cried, "You ruined my life." Describing the antecedent incidents, she said that on the previous night Massey had given her a ring and kissed her twice.

TEACHERS BRING SUITS

Claiming Board Won't Pay Tuition And Fees

Suit Is Filed By Attorney Of Mt. Vernon

In The Common Pleas Court In Richland Co.

A Foreclosure Suit Is Filed In Knox Co. Court

Other Items Of Interest From The Court House

(Mansfield News.)

Mrs. Nettie Grossman of Cleland has sued the board of education of Perry township for \$26 with interest, for services rendered. Bert O. Evans of Mt. Vernon is attorney for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff says she was employed by the board of education of Perry township, Richland county, to teach the Culp school eight months at \$80 a month, beginning Oct. 6, 1913. She says she faithfully performed all her duties.

The plaintiff says she attended teachers' institute but when she presented her certificate of attendance, the board refused to pay her the \$10 to which she was entitled. The plaintiff asks for this amount with interest from Nov. 3, 1913.

For her second cause of action, the teacher says the board of education refused to allow her any compensation for janitor services which she claims were reasonably worth \$10, for which she asks with interest from May 22, 1914. The third complaint of the teacher is that the board of education of Perry township refused to pay her for holidays. She asks for \$6, with interest, deducted from her wages, for holidays.

Gertrude Grossman, through the same attorney, has brought a similar action against the board of education of Perry township in which she asks judgment in the sum of \$30 with interest from the proper times of computation.

Miss Grossman says she was employed by the defendant as teacher of subdistrict No. 3 in Perry township, at a salary of \$50 a month for a term of eight months, beginning Oct. 6, 1913. The plaintiff says the defendant deducted a day's salary for each holiday, refusing to pay her for attending institute, and refuses to pay her for janitor services. She says she is entitled to \$10 for institute fees, \$10 for janitor services and for the \$10 the board deducted from her salary for holidays, making \$30 for which she asks interest.

Foreclosure Suit—

C. S. Swank has commenced a suit in the common pleas court against Harvey D. Syler et al. The plaintiff seeks to recover the sums of \$535.26 and \$1,148.13, based on two promissory notes. The plaintiff asks for foreclosure of mortgage. Patrick A. Berry is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Taken Under Advisement—

Judge Blair heard the case of Sperry and Campbell vs. The Mt. Vernon Glass Company in the court of common pleas Friday and took the matter under advisement.

Distributive Account—

Charles H. Giffin, administrator of Ivan Syler, has filed a distributive account in probate, which shows the following: Amount for distribution \$1,669.53.

Deeds Filed—

William A. Wander to William Baugher, 7.22 acres in Union, \$480. Herbert Brentlinger to Laura P. Brentlinger, parcel in Fredericktown, \$50.

Cloyde S. Myers to Morgan Pipes, parcel in city, \$1.

George E. Thayer to Cassie P. Thayer, lot in city, \$1.

The price of eyeglasses is going up, from 25 to 50 per cent. The blame for this, too, is laid on the war.

ADMIRAL DEWA

Japanese Official Makes Inspection of Brooklyn Navy Yard.



By American Press Association.

Admiral Baron Shigetada Dewa of Japan made a tour of the Brooklyn navy yard as a guest of Rear Admiral Nathaniel A. Usher. The visiting party included Commander S. Kobayashi and Lieutenant Commander Y. Oyeda of the Japanese navy.

AMERICAN PROPOSALS MAY BE ACCEPTED

Encouraging Reports Received From Gerard and Page.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Encouraging reports from both Ambassadors Page and Gerard, at London and Berlin, respectively, were received by President Wilson and his cabinet concerning the attitude of Great Britain and Germany toward the latest American proposals for the safeguarding of neutral commerce from the dangers of submarines and mines and the unrestricted shipment of foodstuffs to the civilian population of belligerent countries. Complete replies are not expected for several days, because the subject is still under consideration by England and her allies.

Germany's willingness to make concessions and negotiate for an understanding on the vexatious questions already has been made known informally to the United States and a formal acquiescence is expected in a day or two. All eyes now are turned on London, where the opinion is understood as yet to be divided on the merits of the suggestions.

Some of the leading men in the British cabinet are said to favor in principle the American proposals as a means of solving the problem with as little inconvenience to neutral countries as possible. Another element, however, is said to be impressed by the military value of further restriction of supplies to Germany and more reprisals, and there is some indication that when the final resolution on the American proposals is to be made, the military faction will present strong opposition to them.

French Claims Successes.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The official communique says: "Canonading occurred along the entire front. In Champagne we continued to advance. North of Meuse-les-Hurlus we have captured two lines of trenches and have thus reached the summit of the ground undulation occupied by the Germans. Farther west we have extended our gains by the capture of an important part of the enemy's lines."

Former State Senator Dead.

Greenville, O., Feb. 27.—Henry L. Yount, former prosecutor of Darke county, former senator from the Fourth district and a prominent member of the Darke county bar, is dead. He was a member of Gettysburg Lodge, F. & A. M., Ind. endent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He served on the staff of Governor Harmon.

TO THE POINT

Twenty persons were injured, three probably fatally, in the wreck of a Big Four train near Templeton, Ind.

Cleveland police raided the home of Elmer Allport and confiscated several thousand dollars' worth of morphine and cocaine.

A score of people were injured in the wreck of a Boston and Maine passenger train which struck a washout at Chandler, N. H.

Emma Patterson, twenty-two, was clubbed to death in her home at Aurora, Ill. John Mason, sixty, was arrested on suspicion.

Three murderers paid the death penalty in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. They were Robert Kane, Oscar Vogt and Vincenzo Campanelli.

Judge Glenn B. Felling of Kalamezoo, Mich., granted a divorce to Mrs. Millicent G. Rowley Artz. A few hours later he married the divorcee at Bucyrus, O.

PENNY SOCIAL

Of The Third Ward A Great Success

A penny social, which was held at the Third ward Friday evening, was a grand success in every way. At exactly five o'clock a cafeteria supper was served. Just as soon as supper was finished the fun began. Mr. Fred W. Kahri made an excellent "barker" and called out the shows in true circus fashion. Also special mention might be made of the minstrel show held in one of the rooms. It was originally planned to give only one performance, but this one took so well that two more were given before the people were satisfied. Besides the minstrel show, there were fish ponds, plays, candy booths, etc. The Mothers' club of the Third ward was ably assisted in giving this social by four high school students who gave a little play-let entitled, "The Snow Witch."

In one of the rooms there was a voting precinct where a picture was to be given away to the grade having the largest number of votes. Each vote cost a penny and when the official count was made, it was found that the seventh grade had carried off the honors. It is estimated that approximately one hundred and thirty-five dollars was taken in at this social.

PLEA

Of Guilty Entered By Anderson And His Wife

Entering a plea of guilty to the charge of keeping a place for the sale of intoxicants, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson were on Saturday morning fined \$100 and costs, each, by Mayor A. A. Perrine.

Mrs. Anderson's fine was suspended upon condition that she would keep intoxicating liquors out of the house. Anderson made arrangements to pay his fine.

SERIOUS

Injuries Sustained By Jason Davis Of This City

Who Is Traveling With Carnival Co., In The South

A telegram, addressed to the secretary of the local aerle of Eagles, was received Friday evening by Mr. Clyde McKown, stating that Jason Davis of this city, who is traveling in the south with the K. G. Barkoot Carnival Co., had been seriously injured in Montgomery, Alabama. The message contained no details whatsoever of the accident. Secretary McKown turned the telegram over to Mr. Davis' aunt, Mrs. Frances Lavefer, of South Vernon, who immediately telegraphed the carnival company asking for more details.

Up to the press hour of the Banner, Mrs. Lavefer had not received a reply to her telegram.

RESIGNATION

Of Dr. Frank Anderson Of The Ohio State Sanatorium

Dr. J. D. Thomas of Catawba, O., assumed professional duties Friday at the Ohio State Sanatorium, taking the place of Dr. Frank Anderson, who will enter into general practice shortly. Dr. Anderson who came here from Cambridge, has been connected with the institution for four years and was a very capable and efficient physician, held in high esteem by all of the patients.

LECTURE ON LEPROS

Prof. Alfred Vivian of Ohio State University will deliver a lecture at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock on "The Holy Land and the Work of the Mission to Lepers." There will be facts of thrilling interest to Sunday school workers and teachers, as well as for people who care to see and know how the protestant church has been doing this work.

Emilie Laroque

By MARGARET C. DEVBREAUX

During the French revolution a young girl who lived in the neighborhood of the conciergerie prison while looking out through a window saw a commotion down the street. Then a fugitive appeared, fleeing for his life, persons getting out of the way before him. Several blocks in his rear gendarmes appeared, evidently following him. In a few moments the man was passing the window. On his face was the wild look of one who knew that if caught, he must die. If only he could elude his pursuers! Seeing the girl at the window, he gave her a look of agonized appeal.

"Come in," she said. The girl withdrew from the window, which was but a few feet above the sidewalk, so as to give him egress, and he passed headforemost through the opening and landed, exhausted, on the floor. The girl pulled down the sash and the shade, and both waited with bated breath to know if the fugitive had been seen to enter the house and who would give him away. In a few minutes there were sounds without of persons running. These died away, and there was quiet again.

The man arose and stood on his feet, he and the girl looking upon each other intently. He was about eighteen years of age, and his clothes, though worn, were those of a gentleman.

"I am not safe," he said. "They will very shortly realize that they have lost me and will search every house in the neighborhood."

Two other women were coming downstairs—Mme. Laroque and her elder daughter, Louise. Emilie hurriedly told the others what had happened.

"Oh, heaven!" exclaimed her mother. "What have you done? If he is caught here we will all be dragged to the guillotine."

"He will not be caught here," said Emilie. "I'm going to dress him up for a girl."

"Who are you?" asked Mme. Laroque.

"The Count de Turinane. I would rather die than endanger you. I will leave you at once."

"No, you won't," said the plucky Emilie. "Make haste; there's no time to lose."

She pushed him up the staircase, and putting him into a room went to a closet and began to throw women's clothing on to the floor before him. Directing himself of his coat and waistcoat he threw them into a corner and picking up a dress put it on. Emilie adding what adornment he required. His hair would surely have given him away, but fortunately at that time women wore white caps something like what they now wear while bathing, and the girl, taking off hers, put it on the count's head.

Emilie, after hiding the coat and waistcoat, went to the window and looked out. She saw gendarmes on the opposite side of the street before a house and knew that others were making a search within. The count was right—the neighborhood was being searched.

"There is nothing for you to do but wait," she said to the fugitive, "but there is yet time to make you look more like a girl. His hair was worn long for a man after the custom of that day, and she pulled some of the locks from under the cap, and producing curling iron spent the time frising his hair until there came an enormous rap at the door.

"Courage!" she exclaimed, pressing his hand. "On your coolness depends your life." "The ladies below will betray me," said the count.

"No, they won't; their safety is linked with yours. If you fool your followers no harm will come to us; if not, we will all be in prison within another hour."

When the door was opened the two were ready to descend the staircase. Seeing gendarmes, Emilie looked surprised, and the count endeavored to do so.

"We are looking for an escaped prisoner, the Count de Turinane. He is concealed in some house in this neighborhood."

"I assure you," moaned Mme. Laroque, "there is no such person here." "But, mamma," interposed Emilie, "the citizens are welcome to search the house. We, who are advocates of the revolution, have no wish to prevent the police from hunting down the miserable aristocrats wherever they are to be found."

The words and especially the tone in which they were spoken did more to throw the gendarmes off the scent than anything that could have been done. The house was searched, but perfunctorily, and the searchers went away satisfied that these good citizens would not harbor an aristocrat. When they had gone the count sank on one knee before Emilie and, having kissed her hand, said:

"Tonight I will attempt to leave Paris and join the emigres in Belgium. If the kings of France are ever restored I will reward you for what you have done for me. But for you I would now be on my way to the guillotine."

Twenty years later the Count de Turinane, a middle-aged man, drove up to the house in which he had been rescued and called for Emilie Laroque.

"I have come," he said.

"To offer you my fortune, myself, anything I have that you will accept."

She took them all.